

To: Miller, Linda[miller.linda@epa.gov]
From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Wed 2/12/2014 7:36:50 PM
Subject: Re: Rockefeller question - slurry spill

Linda, by looking at Shawns calendar it appears he is either in the RA conf room or his office. Would you mind checking with front office and see if you can shake this update loose, please? Waiting on shawns okay.

From: Miller, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:12:32 PM
To: Ferrell, Mark
Subject: Re: Rockefeller question - slurry spill

Sorry. What is Codel? You mean other congressional staff?

From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 2:08:17 PM
To: Miller, Linda
Cc: Smith, Bonnie; schaffer, joan; White, Terri-A
Subject: FW: Rockefeller question - slurry spill

One this little update (below) is vetted I'd like permission to send to my codel contacts, please.

Would probably help limit repeating this firedrill for the next couple days.

Mark

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 1:53 PM
To: Garvin, Shawn

Cc: D'Andrea, Michael; Capacasa, Jon; Burns, Francis; Miller, Linda
Subject: Rockefeller question - slurry spill

Shawn

Sen. Rockefeller's staff has asked Carolyn Levine at HQ this morning to update them on what EPA's involvement has been so far in responding to yesterday's coal slurry spill at Patriot facility. Please check this response and supply any edits/remarks necessary, then I'll send up to Carolyn. ~Mark

Because this spill makes it's way into the Kanawha River and eventually into neighboring states (Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana) EPA R3's drinking water team has touched base with those other EPA regions to exchange information. The EPA Region 3 has also reached out to ORSANCO (Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission) for their assessments, and also the WV Bureau for Public Health and to American Water for updates and to offer any assistance needed. At this point, the state has the lead and EPA is deferring to the state if they request federal assistance.

EPA Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin spoke to WVDEP Secretary Randy Huffman earlier today (February 12) to offer EPA assistance. Secretary Huffman indicated that he believes the situation is under control and no assistance is needed at this time. Secretary Huffman also indicated that WVDEP would let EPA know that if/when they needed assistance.

EPA Region 3 reviewed files on the Patriot Federal consent decree to determine the reporting requirements for slurry spills. EPA determined that Patriot is required under the consent decree to notify EPA of this type of spill, which they did the morning of February 11. EPA Region 3 immediately contacted the Patriot Environmental VP to get specifics on the spill. By that time DEP was on site, had issued an order, and the cleanup was underway. EPA also obtained and reviewed site specific MCHM sample results for samples collected on January 22, 2014.

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